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Attorney Dkt. No.: 17652-00013

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Enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statements recently filed with the USPTO in connection with the above referenced GE dockets.

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